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I would be in favor of releasing information and past history on both the plaintiff and the defendant in an abuse case. IF you want to release the abuse on one and not the other, i believe would be a serious miscarriage of justice for all concerned. It would be like, well, let's not tell on the abusive person here but let's tell all on the abuser.

Personally, I believe that the information not only should be released in court, not only on the abuser, but also on the abuser. This would put this on a more equal playing field if that information was made known in court.

Would it help to decide a case? I think it could be a big help to know what has happened in the past of both parties. If I was the one being tried as an abuser and she has a history of doing things to put herself in this mess again with me, and in the past with other men, I think this could be very helpful to my case, if I could raise the issue in court. I know they are going to raise mine in court.

So, I think let us be fair about this, and make it a court rule, that both parties' past of abuse can be raised in a court action. Thank you.

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